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members of the genus shows that none of them is available. I therefore propose the name *ASPIDERETES* (ασπίς, a shield, and ἐρέτης, a rower). The type is *Trionyx gangeticus* Cuvier, and the other living species will be *A. hurum* and *A. leithii*. It seems probable that a number of fossil forms must find their place in the genus.

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*Stated Meeting, October 16, 1903.*

President SMITH in the Chair.

The following papers were presented:

"Evolution and Epigenesis—New Light on an Old Problem," by Prof. E. G. Conklin, which was discussed by Gen. Wistar.

"A Review of Parthenogenesis," by Mr. Everett F. Phillips, communicated by Prof. E. G. Conklin, which was discussed by Gen. Wistar.